

the channel gets choked and breaches. To repair these breaches the channel has to be closed, often when water is most needed. Standing crops suffer in consequence. Altogether the system is very troublesome. Therefore let the P. W. D. clear weeds in River channels. If this cannot be done free of charge, a weeding cess of 3 pies in the Rupee of assessment may be levied from raiyats for this purpose. Mr. Srinivasamurti (Landholder and R. M. from Hassan Taluk) stated that the proposed cess was unnecessary and that in the Hassan District there was no difficulty in weed clearing, and the Revenue authorities effectually supervised the same. If water failed in the channel, it was because water failed in the river. Mr. Narasimhagauda (Landholder and R. M. from Seringapatam Taluk) stated that it was chiefly raiyats, under Brahmin landholders, that failed to do their portion of weed clearing.

Dewan's reply.—It is doubtful that a cess in commutation of the liability to clear weeds would be approved by all land owners. The richer or non-laboring classes will gladly pay it, but the poorer raiyat accustomed to manual labor probably will prefer doing his bit himself. Where the channel is not apportioned among raiyats for weed clearing, such apportionment should be made, and those that cannot or will not do their portion of the work themselves or get it done, can pay for it and the Government will have it executed at their expense under Rule.

Subject No. 24.
Revision of pay of
Taluk Establish-
ments.

Summary of discussion.—The pay of officials in the Taluk Cutcherry and Shekdars and Tank Inspectors should be increased. Travelling allowance should be granted to the first and horse allowance to the second and third. The present scales were fixed many years ago, and times and circumstances have considerably changed since then.

Mr. Sadasiva Rao (Pleader R. M. from Dodballapur) moved the question, and was supported by several other Members.

Dewan's reply.—The revision of the Taluk establishments is under the consideration of Government and something will be done as quickly as possible.

Subject No. 25.
Qualifications for
Patel and Shanbhogs'
offices.

Summary of discussion.—For eligibility to the offices of Shanbhog and Patel, examination should be prescribed. A property qualification should also be prescribed. At present Patels are often illiterate, oftentimes both Patels and Shanbhogs are ignorant of Government Rules and Regulations, and sometimes possessed of no property and therefore unreliable.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable.

Subject No. 26.
Hakdar Patels and
Shanbhogs to offici-
ate by rotation.

Summary of discussion.—Hakdar Patels and Shanbhogs including coparceners in the hak should be allowed to officiate by rotation. At present partners in the right do not share the duties but oftentimes share the emoluments.